



Air Quality Educational Trunk for Your Classroom

What do you and your students know about air quality and the pollutants that cause it?

An air quality educational “trunk,” based on the theme, *It's Idaho's Air...Keep it Clean*, is available to help you and your students better understand the air quality issues that affect us all every day.

What is a “trunk”? A “trunk” is a collection of topic-specific hands-on activities and materials available for loan to teachers. In this case, the topic is air quality.

What do the contents of the trunk teach about? The trunk activities and information explore the concept of air quality in general, with a focus on two of Idaho's main pollutants of concern, ozone and particulate matter, and on a key cause of those pollutants, automobile emissions.

What's in it? The trunk contains hands-on activities, information for teachers and students, videos, classroom display materials, and resources and ideas for even more in-depth exploration.

What do I do with it? Use the trunk materials together during the month-long loan period to immerse your class in air quality issues, or begin your discussion of air quality with the videos and display materials during the loan period and keep the other activities and information to continue your exploration of air quality throughout the year.

What grades is it for? The trunk contains materials for grades 5 – 12. Not all materials are appropriate for all of these grades, but all are clearly marked with the appropriate grade level.

How do I reserve the trunk or learn more? Contact Amy Luft, Environmental Education Coordinator, at 208/373-0478 or email amy.luft@deq.idaho.gov.